

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF DONALD FLAMINIO

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with sadness on the occasion of the passing of Donald "Flip" Flaminio, who passed away on March 20, 2014. Donald was born in Iron Mountain, Michigan, on August 24, 1930. Flip was a veteran of the United States Navy, and the owner-operator of Quality Cleaners for ten years, he married his wife of 61 years, Zella "Terri" Haggart, in 1953. Flip was a lifelong Iron Mountain resident and enjoyed spending time with his loved ones. He is survived by Terri, and his three daughters.

In this time of sorrow, I am reminded of the quote of philosopher George Santayana, who said, "There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval." I know that Flip lived a life of love and that the cherished memories of his life will never be forgotten by his many friends and family.

On behalf of all residents of the First Congressional District of Michigan, I wish to express my sadness and condolences on Flip's passing. It is my hope that we are able to emulate Flip's good nature and example in how we conduct ourselves with each other. Although Flip is no longer with us in this world, he will remain with us in our hearts, alive and well forever.

IN HONOR OF THE USS "ROBERT G. BRADLEY" UPON ITS DECOMMISSIONING ON MARCH 28, 2014

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the fine Sailors who have served on the USS *Robert G. Bradley* (FFG 49). On March 28, 2014, this magnificent warship will be decommissioned in Mayport, Florida.

The ship and her outstanding crew have served tirelessly to ensure that America remains the preeminent naval power on the globe. The USS *Bradley* has served our Nation for nearly 30 years and has continually lived up to the ship's motto of "Power to Prevail." True to its namesake, Lieutenant Robert G. Bradley—who was awarded the Navy Cross after dying in a heroic effort to save his ship, the USS *Princeton*—the USS *Bradley* and her crew have embodied selfless service, a trait so common in our outstanding men and women in uniform. While the ship may be decommissioned, the friendships and camaraderie this ship established on its decks will last for ages.

It is a pleasure and honor to represent the great men and women who serve in the 4th

District of Florida and to see them successfully complete the mission of the USS *Bradley*. Their hard work reiterates our community's importance as an anchor of national security.

The Sailors of the USS *Bradley* can stand tall in the knowledge that their hard work and dedication has contributed to the most important missions of our Nation's defense and we are grateful for their tireless efforts and sacrifice.

HONORING COLLEGE BOUND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to honor College Bound Opportunities (CBO), an extraordinary community organization that is opening doors and broadening opportunities for under-resourced and low-income students in the suburban Chicago district that I represent.

Founded in 2006, CBO started with four outstanding students, growing to nearly 150 today. Each class of students receives mentoring and assistance through test prep classes, professional development and workshops, technology training and financial aid.

CBO provides a one-on-one mentorship program, matching a mentor with a student. For six years, these mentors help guide their students through the college application process, adjustment to college life and even life after graduation. This engaged approach achieves truly remarkable results: 97 percent of CBO scholars graduate from college, compared to 56 percent nationwide and merely 12 percent among low-income students. More than 90 percent of CBO scholars are first-generation college students. At a time when only 11 percent of nationwide first-generation students graduate, CBO is making a real difference.

These statistics speak to the incredible CBO impact in the community and the bright futures its programs are helping make possible. Many of these students would never have the opportunity to apply to college, let alone graduate, without these programs and the generosity of CBO's many dedicated volunteers.

Recently, I joined CBO to welcome a new class of 25 students to the program. In this group I saw inspiring potential and many reasons to be confident for the future. The opportunities CBO makes possible will empower its students, enrich our community and perhaps one day help change the world.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PRESIDENT MARY SUE COLEMAN

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mary Sue Coleman, the thirteenth President of the University of Michigan, as she retires at the end of June. I've had the distinct honor of working closely with President Coleman since 2002, when she began her hard work on behalf of this fine University, and her spirit and dedication will be missed. She has worked to raise standards, invest in a higher education for our students, and has further elevated the University of Michigan and continued its role among the absolute finest education opportunities in the land. She has ushered in a period of growth, not only across the campus, but also in the hearts and minds of the students she so tirelessly works for. Through her leadership, the University of Michigan and its students have remained "the leaders and best." I thank President Coleman for her years of service and dedication to the people of Michigan. Go Blue!

RECOGNIZING AUBURNDALE CITY HALL

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Auburndale City Hall on the occasion of its addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

Designed by Polk County architect Roland Buckley and contractor Paul Smith, the 87-year-old Italian Renaissance-style building has housed the library and Chamber of Commerce, most of the city's departments and even jail cells throughout its existence. It is currently home to the city's Information Technology Office.

Noted for its Romanesque architecture, open arches and ornate masonry work, City Hall is now among four National Historic buildings in Auburndale. It joins the Holland Jenks house, the Baynard House and the Auburndale Citrus Growers Association Packing House. It is the twelfth city hall in Florida to have secured a spot on the Register.

It is a privilege to serve the residents of Auburndale, and I thank them for their tremendous contributions to the Central Florida community.

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